

ORDINANCE NO. 024-55

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN
ADDENDUM TO THE UNIVERSITY
PASS (U-PASS) CONTRACT TERMS
TO ALLOW ENROLLMENT
FLEXIBILITY FOR SUMMER TERMS

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") provides public transportation in the Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, After a pilot program, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 000-20, dated February 7, 2000, adopting a permanent University Pass ("U-Pass") Program that provides unlimited rides on buses and trains operated by the Authority to eligible students at participating accredited colleges and universities ("Schools") located in the Authority's service area in exchange for each participating School paying a daily fee to the Authority for each applicable student, regardless of whether the students use the Authority's services; and

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2023, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 023-53, which authorized the Authority to enter into the current five-year agreement with participating Schools; and

WHEREAS, The current agreement defines eligible students as those taking at least four credit hours per quarter term or at least six hours for a term greater than a quarter; and

WHEREAS, During summer learning sessions, many students are enrolled in less than the current enrollment thresholds; and

WHEREAS, The Authority and Schools wish to increase participation in the U-Pass program during summer terms; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends an addendum to the current U-Pass contract allowing Schools to petition the Authority for a reduction of the enrollment thresholds for students enrolled in summer sessions; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute with each participating School an addendum to the U-Pass Agreement which offers the opportunity for Schools to petition the Authority to lower enrollment thresholds for summer sessions and contains such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Addendum to U-Pass Contract attached as Exhibit A hereto.

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SECTION 2. The Chairman, or designee, is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

May 8, 2024

Secretary

May 8, 2024